APPENDIX

Amended Claims

1.   (Amended) A method of compressing a textual document comprised of data elements and tag elements that impose a hierarchical structure on said data elements, said method comprising the steps of:

identifying said data elements in said document; and

compressing only said data elements in said document using a compression algorithm, wherein said document before and after the compressing step is in a given file format.

11.   (Amended) A method of compressing a document, said document comprised of data elements and tag elements that impose a hierarchical structure on said data elements, said method comprising the steps of:

compressing only said data elements in said document using a compression algorithm; and

inserting an identifier of said compression algorithm in said document, wherein said document before and after the compressing step is in a given file format.

18.   (Amended) A system for compressing a document, said document comprised of data elements and tag elements that impose a hierarchical structure on said data elements, said system comprising:

a memory for storing content and computer readable code; and

a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to:

identify said data elements in said document; and

compress only said data elements in said document using a compression algorithm, <u>wherein said document before and after compression is in a given file format</u>.

19. (Amended) A system for compressing a document, said document comprised of data elements and tag elements that impose a hierarchical structure on said data elements, said system comprising:

a memory for storing content and computer readable code; and

a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to:

compress only said data elements in said document using a compression algorithm; and

insert an identifier of said compression algorithm in said document, <u>wherein said document before and after compression is in a given file format</u>.

20. (Amended) An article of manufacture for compressing a document, said document comprised of data elements and tag elements that impose a hierarchical structure on said data elements, comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means comprising:

a step to identify said data elements in said document; and

a step to compress only said data elements in said document using

a compression algorithm, wherein said document before and after compression is in a given file format.

21. (Amended) An article of manufacture for compressing a document, said document comprised of data elements and tag elements that impose a hierarchical structure on said data elements, comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means comprising:

a step to compress only said data elements in said document using a compression algorithm; and

a step to insert an identifier of said compression algorithm in said document, wherein said document before and after compression is in a given file format.